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For Immediate Release:

ROTC "PANTHER BATTALION" SHOWCASE PLANNED AT EASTERN

CHARLESTON -- Army ROTC wants its presence felt on the campus of Eastern Illinois University. So it's bringing in the big guns...literally.

ROTC Day, scheduled to take place between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 2, will give students, as well as community members, an entertaining opportunity to take a closer look at life as an ROTC cadet.

The day of celebration will entail equipment and vehicle displays including a Black Hawk UH60 helicopter, weapon displays including a TOW missile, and rappelling demonstrations by cadets and students currently enrolled in ROTC classes. These participants will demonstrate the art of descending from high points such as roofs and cliffs by means of a rope passed under one thigh, across the body and over one shoulder.

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In addition, civilians will have the opportunity to fire "blank" ammunition from both an M-16 rifle and an M-60 machine gun.

Food, give-aways and a visiting disk jockey from "The Party," (Radio 92.1) will round out the day's activities, completely free to all visitors.

Most events are scheduled to take place on the field located south of Eastern's Tarble Arts Center, located at South Ninth Street at Cleveland Avenue. Rappelling exercises will take place from the roof of nearby Klehm Hall.

"We want to show students some of the exciting things we do in ROTC," said Major Lawrence Sefren, chair of Eastern's military science department. "It really is one of the 'funnest' classes you can take at EIU."

More than 150 students representing all academic fields take Army ROTC courses on Eastern's campus each year. About 20 of those complete the Army ROTC program and earn presidential appointments as Army officers.

Additional information on Eastern's ROTC program can be found on the department's website: <<http://www.eiu.edu/~armyrotc/>>.